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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
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Applicant : Lutz Biedermann, et al. Confirmation No. 9870
Application No. : 10/647,096
Filed : August 21, 2003
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Docket No. : 56731/B884

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Commissioner:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner to extend the time for response to the Office action dated November 16, 2005 for two month(s) from February 16, 2006 to April 16, 2006.

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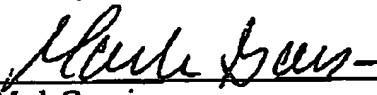
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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